



THE ALBERTA RCMP'S GOAL IS TO KEEP CITIZENS SAFE AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER.

We are asking for cooperation from all members of the public and appreciate your peaceful actions. In order to keep protests legal, it is important to be aware of your rights under Canadian law,

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees certain rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of opinion, expression, and peaceful assembly.

These rights are not without limits.

Section 1 of the Charter, which provides for limitations on rights and freedoms, states:

“The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it, subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.”

Persons who participate in any unlawful protest or blockade of any highway or railway can expect to be subject to enforcement action under various Canadian laws. These include the Criminal Code of Canada, the Emergencies Act, the Emergency Measures Regulations, the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, the Traffic Safety Act and the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulations. If necessary, the RCMP can employ significant enforcement measures, including those under the new Emergency Measures Regulations, to achieve compliance with these laws.

Persons who do not comply with the new Emergency Measures Regulations could:

- Be arrested, prosecuted and sentenced to up to 5 years in prison and/or fined up to \$5,000.
- Have their vehicle seized.
- Lose the insurance coverage on their vehicle.
- Have their individual or corporate bank accounts suspended or frozen.
- Become unable to perform any further financial transactions or obtain financial services.

To be clear, it is unlawful for protestors to assemble or remain on any public highway, to impede the normal use of the highway, to impede the movement of persons or goods on the highway, or to cause safety issues on the highway. It is also unlawful to provide material support to individuals participating in this unlawful activity, to travel to participate in this unlawful activity, or to participate in this unlawful activity while accompanied by minors under the age of eighteen years.

We have worked with you to provide a safe, temporary site to protest. We ask that you familiarize yourselves with the information within this document and share it with others. The Emergencies Act outlines very clear limits on activities and provides significant penalties. Our goal remains for this to be a peaceful and lawful activity. We thank you for your cooperation.